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January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Forgotten amidst all the controversy surrounding this Microsoft lawsuit is the fact there are many companies like mine that have been built and remain successful based on the success and reliability of the Microsoft product line. While many Microsoft competitors feel that they can use the legal system to knock Microsoft off its throne, they have ignored the potential effects that would be experienced by other companies in the IT industry.

This is why the settlement recently reached is so important. Its obvious advantage is that it ends speculation as to whether Microsoft will be broken up. It also has the advantage of addressing most of the main complaints against Microsoft. While I am not sure that I agreed that Microsoft should have agreed give up more of its interfaces, I was pleased that other points will now be satisfied. It is important, for example, that Microsoft relaxes its stance with the OEMs.

I am therefore writing to support this settlement. It leaves intact the Infrastructure of the IT industry and ends the litigation with reasonably satisfactory results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Terebecki", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Terebecki  
President

CC: Senator Rick Santorum

